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Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation



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Hello and Happy New Year,

What a great conference we had in Willcox October 14th & 15th. We saw a lot of new faces and new schools represented at the conference this year. A lot of great gifts were given away and there were a lot of good classes given. The most exciting part for me was getting to explode a bomb on our football field.

Now that the conference is behind us we are looking forward to the School Bus Safety Road-ee in March.

I am looking forward to working with the new board members and all the returning board members. I think we have a good leadership team assembled, and we are looking to bigger and better things to help you with your transportation needs.

A.A.P.T. has its own email address now it is aapt_transportation@yahoo.com. I can be reached at this email address.

Until the next time I would like to leave you with these words

There's a special art to living
And you need a frame of mind
That can overlook the showers
Til the sun begins to shine
To develop to the fullest
You have got to understand
That things don't always function
In the way that they are planned

There's a special art to living
And the challenge must be met
But the longer that you try it
Why the better you will get
Don't waste your time in wanting
For the world to come to you
You have to climb the mountain to appreciate the view

Grace E. Easley

Evelyn King
A.A.P.T. President



The votes are in, and it's official. Please congratulate the following people on their elections to the A.A.P.T. Executive Board; they will be making decisions on your behalf in the months ahead.

President Elect

Donna Keylon

Region one

Region Two

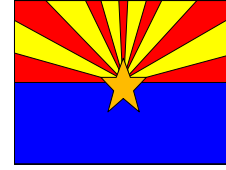
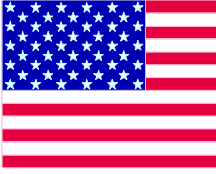
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Donna White
Armando Cuellar

Region Three

Robyn Nelson

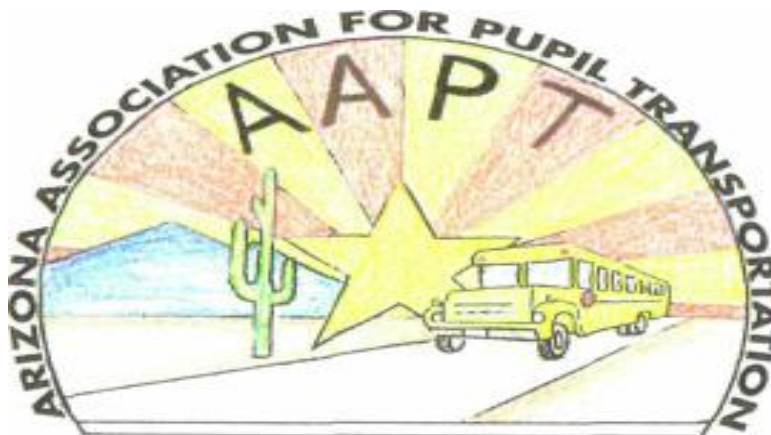
A huge round of applause to all of you that were nominated. Please be advised that we have your names on file should an opening become available. We will be contacting you to fill it. And more spots will be open again next year so remember to let your friends know that you are still interested in representing them on the board.





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A special thanks goes out to Evelyn King and the Willcox Unified School District # 13 as they put on a wonderful Conference in Willcox October 14-15 2006. There was lots of good food and entertainment, and the classes were awesome. Everyone had a great time! So if you missed this year's conference, you must make plans to attend the next one to be held in Prescott, Arizona on October 13-14 2007. Hope to see you there, I know I am looking forward to it.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's conference a success:

- D.P.S. for all their assistance
- The many Instructors who came to teach classes.
- The vendors who came to sell products and support us in our endeavor to promote school bus safety.
- The many sponsors who donated items for the door prizes and raffles.
- Last, but not least, the A.A.P.T. board members who have been planning the events and getting everything ready for the Conference.

THANK YOU

If you or someone you know likes to write, please let us in on the secret. We are looking for people to donate their articles and poems for the newsletters. Got an idea, project or need? Let your fellow members come to the rescue with insights, safety issues etc. we are waiting to hear from you. Call 623-297-4362. Write 3135 S. 48th Street Suite 104 Box 57, Tempe, Arizona 85282 or e-mail hjgustafson@cox.net

The Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation is proud to announce and recognize the following winners in the AAPT annual awards.

School Transportation Person of the Year

This year the award went to Robin Olson from the Prescott Unified School District. Robin has been with the Prescott School District for 18 years. Starting at the ripe old age of 18 as a monitor on a special needs bus and has advanced to her present position of Transportation Specialist. Which means she does everything from driving to dispatching, route scheduling to personal scheduling. She has even set in as temporary director while that position was vacated due to a departure and again due to illness. This fill in work was months rather than weeks. She is our everything person.

Q'Straint Special Needs Driver

This year the award went to Phil Alcorn, from the Cave Creek Unified School District # 93. Phil has been a bus driver since July 1998. He started driving a special needs route shortly thereafter and loves it. He truly welcomes the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of his students. Phil's ability to empathize with a student's special qualities and to focus on the "can do" is seen regularly with his students. He softly encourages his students to do as much for themselves as possible allowing them their dignity and the small successes that come daily with their achievements. He finds great importance in treating all students equally even when their abilities to comprehend may be challenged or compromised. Two years ago Phil took the test to be a Behind-the Wheel Instructor and has since been a part of the Cave Creek driver training program. His thirst for professional growth opportunities is constant as he seeks to grow. Phil takes advantage of any outside teachings in the field of pupil transportation and is partial to those classes that enhance his abilities as a special needs driver. Phil is not only the epitome of what it takes to be a special needs driver but what it takes to be an all around excellent employee in the field of pupil transportation. For these reasons, Phil's nomination was submitted and gratefully selected. Congratulations Phil, "WAY TO GO!"

School Bus Driver of the Year

This year's "Driver of the year" award went to Mike Beveridge from the Cottonwood -Oak Creek School District. Mike has been a school bus driver for just over one year. "This man spent four years in the service being taught to be all he could be. He became a bus driver and found out what he was really made of! This man is very kind and very giving. He finds people in need and finds a way to help. He has a way of lifting you up in spirit when you are down. Just to look at him you might be afraid. He has tattoos and rides a big ole' Harley!" Mike takes a lot of sports trips and he was made honorary member of one of our school's cross country team this year because of his support and encouragement to the team. Coach said "it meant a lot to the older guys that you took an interest in what we were attempting to accomplish." (quote from coach's letter of commendation) the team awarded Mike a team jersey. Because of Mike's interest in school bus driving, his wife Katie has now joined our team too! Congratulation Mike



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IT'S ROAD-EO TIME

Saturday, March 10th, 2007

DPS Parking Lot

19th Ave. & Encanto Road

SW corner by the State fair Grounds



THAT' S BUSSES - NOT HORSES

We're looking for some great supporters of our annual School Bus Safety Road-eo. The Road-eo's has been going strong for over 30 years!

If you're interested in competing, study your C.D.L. manual, Minimum Standards book and First Aid and C.P.R. books. **You must have all your credentials (First Aid-CPR, DOT physical card, Arizona School Bus Driver Certificate, and Drivers License) with you at registration or you will not be able to participate in the road-eo**

For More Information contact

Evelyn King in Willcox Phone (520) 253-0286

Cathy Erwin in Cave Creek Phone (480) 575-2080

Hilma Gustafson in Phoenix Phone (623) 931-9694

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE



**\$1.00 PER TICKET
GAS GRILL**

*Do not have to be present
to win*

ROAD-EO AGENDA

Registration 7:00 A.M.

Judges meet @ 7:00 A.M.

Welcome & Driving Instructions
7:30 A.M.

Written Test 8:00 A.M. – 10:00
A.M.

First Bus on Course @ 8:30 A.M.

Late Registration

Will not be accepted after 10:00
A.M.

Awards & Refreshments will
follow after the Road-eo!



PRIZES



The Driver competition will cover the following entries:

Front Engine Transit
Rear Engine Transit

The Prizes for the Road-ee will be as follows:

1st place overall winner will receive a drivers jacket &
Round trip Air fare to the International Competition.

Each of the other categories will receive the following:

1st Place, Trophy, Certificate and a check for \$100.00

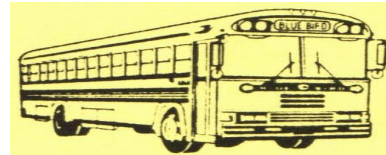
2nd Place, Trophy, Certificate, and a check for \$75.00

3rd Place, trophy, Certificate, and a check for \$50.00

4th Place, Plaque and a Certificate

5th Place, Plaque and a Certificate

We will need to have a tentative number of participants by
February 25, 2007 so we can get the certificates ordered
For all of the competitors.



Bus Driver

T's by Tina

- T-shirts
- Fanny Packs
- Jackets
- Caps

(520) 682-2915

Tina Betancourt from Marana
will be selling all sorts of
(school bus paraphernalia)

Gabe Cachora and his group from
Indian Oasis – Baboquivari will be
selling Indian Tacos – Fried Bread

JUDGES - RUNNERS - JUDGES

It is that time again; we are looking for volunteers to help out with the judging of events at this year's Road-ee. As always, we will be asking for all of your help. We need people to direct traffic, judge competitions and run scores. If you bring your family members invite them to check in at the registration table and offer a hand. We always appreciate your help

Motels listing for road-ee

Laquinta Inn

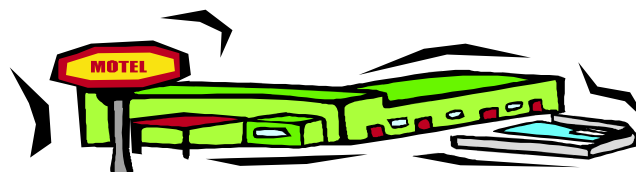
2745 N. Black Canyon Hwy
602-258-6271

Days Inn

2420 W. Thomas Road
602-257-0801

Motel 6

2548 W. Indian School Rd.
602-248-8881



AAPT ROAD-EO COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

All competitors are reminded that you are representing your school district. Therefore you are expected to conduct yourself in accordance with established standards. In addition, certain rules must be enforced at the Road-eo site. Remember, it is assumed that students are aboard the bus during all events.

1. There will be no alcoholic beverages consumed on or around the Road-eo site by anyone. If a contestant is found to have consumed alcoholic beverages at any time during the day's events, they will be immediately disqualified.
2. Smoking will be only permitted in designated smoking areas. There will be no smoking on board any bus regardless of the location
3. Competitors who normally wear driver's uniforms are encouraged to wear them during the Road-eo. Those not wearing uniforms should dress in attire appropriate for school bus drivers. SHORTS, HALTERS, etc., will not be allowed as they are considered in poor taste for this function.
4. Footwear is important in safe operation of the vehicle. And must conform to minimum standards.
5. Contestants are required to remain in the designated waiting or spectator areas before and after their event, unless assigned specific details that may require their assistance in the competition area.
6. The bus door must remain closed at all times unless the Road-eo event rules direct that they be opened or if directed by the event judge. A minimum of five (5) demerits will be charged if the door is opened when not required or directed.
7. Contestants are required to maintain proper driving position at all times while on board the bus. The proper driving position is being seated in the driver's seat with feet firmly planted on the floor or foot controls. The contestant will not be permitted to put his or her head out of the bus window at any time. Seat belts must be snugly fastened while in the driving position. There will be a total disqualification from the event if any infraction of the above occurs.
8. Any driver who knowingly accepts signals from the spectators will be automatically disqualified.
9. The decisions of the judges are final.
10. Each event has a particular purpose, instructions to be followed and methods of scoring. The actual score sheets will be annotated by the Road-eo staff and tabulated by the administrative staff. Test scores will be furnished upon completion of the total Road-eo. Please do not ask the administrative staff for your score prior to the end of the Road-eo. All competitors are requested to keep out of the administrative area, unless assigned a specific detail in that area.
11. Road-eo contestants are required to use whatever rear view mirrors are furnished on the bus assigned as long as the mirrors are in accordance with state and federal regulations. Every effort will be made by the Road-eo staff to adjust mirrors to fit in a maximum of three minutes or one adjustment per mirror.

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH YOU ON ROAD-EO DAY!

AAPT 2007 ROAD-EO EVENTS

EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR'S ROAD-EO WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MYSTERY EVENT

OFF SET ALLEY

SERPENTINE

FORWARD STOP/STRAIGHT LINE BACK

DIMINISHING CLEARANCE

PARALLEL PARKING

STRAIGHT LINE FORWARD

RAILROAD CROSSING

BLINDSIDE ALLEY DOCK

STUDENT LOADING

WRITTEN TEST: The purpose of the written test is to determine the contestant's familiarity with safe driving practices. The test includes questions on Arizona Laws, regulations and rules as well as information contained in the Commercial Drivers License manual. Almost every collision can be traced to the failure of the driver to abide by the rules of the road. Defensive driving is the key to being a successful school bus driver.

MYSTERY EVENT: *This years event will be, wait a minute, if I tell you it won't be a mystery. But I can tell you this much, it could earn you an extra 50 points! So come on out and see what it's all about, you'll have to try it to win. See ya!*

OFF SET ALLEY: *This test is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to operate the vehicle under actual driving conditions. The offset alley consists of two offset lanes through which the driver must pass with a minimum of hesitation and without touching the barriers.*

SERPENTINE: *This event is to test the skills of a driver to maneuver a bus backwards around objects that might obstruct their path. The serpentine will consist of three markers through which the driver must back their bus through with out touching the markers or going out of the designed sidelines.*

FORWARD STOP/STRAIGHT LINE BACK: *This event has two parts. First, the driver will drive through the ten feet wide alley and stop within two inches of the painted white line. Upon stopping the driver shall apply the parking brake, place the transmission in neutral, wait for the judges to evaluate the distance from the stop line, and annotate the score sheet. The judge will then direct the driver to begin the second part of the event. The driver will pull forward until the rear of the bus is even with the stop line. The driver will be required to back the bus straight back out of the alley without touching the alley side boundaries.*

DIMINISHING CLEARANCE: *In this event the driver is required to drive the bus in a straight line, in a smooth and continuous manner, through five pairs of standards, with each pair of standards diminishing clearance.*

*****EVENTS CONTINUED*****

PARALLEL PARKING:

This event is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to park the bus parallel to a curb without touching barriers placed at both ends of the parking area, without touching the curb and within 18 inches of the curb. It is also designed to judge the drivers ability to drive the bus out of the parking area without touching the barriers or the curb.

STRAIGHT LINE FORWARD:

This event determines the driver's ability to proceed through five sets of obstacles with the right hand wheels of the vehicle, without striking or moving markers.

RAILROAD CROSSING:

This event is designed to determine the driver's knowledge of the railroad crossing laws and the ability to apply that knowledge during practical application.

BLINDSIDE ALLEY DOCK:

This event is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to back the bus into a ten feet wide alley without touching the upright markers and side and rear limit markers. A maximum time of three minutes is allowed for this test. And at the end of the test, the bus should be parked as near as possible in the center of the alley and within one feet of the barrier.

STUDENT LOADING:

The purpose of this event is to determine the driver's knowledge of the rules governing the loading of students as well as testing their ability to physically load students in accordance with the rules.

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Remember, upon completion of each event, the driver shall apply the parking brake, place the transmission in neutral, and wait for the judge to annotate the score sheet. The judges will then direct you to the next event or staging area. Failure to follow this procedure will result in demerits.
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Special note:

All boundary lines and other markers, with the exception of the balls in the straight line forward and the pull up line in the alley dock, will be treated as vertical walls. If any part of the vehicle touches or would punch through these vertical walls, it will be treated as an encroachment. All encroachments will be counted as demerits.

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2007 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ROAD-EO 2006-2007 Membership Form PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLE AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT

NAME: _____ D.O.B. _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____ HOME PHONE# _____
HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
SCHOOL DISTRICT _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
SCHOOL DIST. PHONE # _____ FAX # _____
WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

JOB POSITION (CHECK ONE)

_____**DRIVER,** _____**ATTENDANT,** _____**DISPATCHER,** _____**MECHANIC,**
_____**SECRETARY,** _____**SUPERVISOR,** _____**DIRECTOR,** _____**DRIVER TRAINER,**
_____**OTHER**_____

****Deadline for mailing the conference and membership fees/forms :**

Must be postmarked no later than February 25, 2007. Road-EO and membership fee/forms received after this date will be charged an additional \$5.00 late fee. ***There will be no refunds!*** If you have any questions, contact Evelyn King, President, at 520-384-2758 Or Cathy Erwin at 480-575-2081.

Make and mail checks, money orders, or purchase orders payable to ***Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation*** or ***AAPT*** to the above address

Membership/Road-EO fees

*****Must be a Member to participate in the Bus Road-EO*****

_____**Membership fees: \$20.00** _____**Road-EO fees: \$25.00**
_____**Life-time membership fees: \$200.00**

PAYMENT: check # _____, money order# _____, P/O # _____

Membership fees only due if you did not register for the Conference

VENDOR APPLICATION

Vendors who have an interest in A.A.P.T. may become sponsoring members by completing this application and return it to the Association.

As shown on the form, vendors will receive advertising space in this newsletter in accordance with the amount of contribution.

Vendors may also display merchandise at each of the Annual events as scheduled. There is an addition fee of \$50.00 per event.

CONTACT PERSON: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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HALF PAGE AD, One school year	\$75.00
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BUSINESS CARD, One school year	\$25.00

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(Display your products/ services at our events)		

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Please enclose a copy of the ad information, as you want it to appear in the newsletter.

Thank you for your interest and participation!

